

PITCHED BATTLE OCCURS BETWEEN MINERS AND POLICE; STRIKE BALLOTS MAILED TO "BIG FOUR" BROTHERHOODS; GOMPERS WANTS LABOR REPRESENTED IN CONFERENCE

FIVE MEN FALL IN ENCOUNTER

Commander of State Police Unable to Tell Whether the Men Were Killed or Not.

ELEVEN PRISONERS TAKEN BY THE PATROLLING PARTY

Four Escape During the Engagement and One Is Believed to Have Been Killed.

(By The Associated Press)
HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Aug. 28.—Wire communication between Sharples and the outside world was cut off early tonight. The last message received at the Chesapeake and Ohio offices here was that telling of the arrival there of a special train having on board Adjutant-General John H. Charnock and three United Mine Workers officials.

STATE POLICE HEADQUARTERS, ETHEL, W. Va., Aug. 28.—Five men fell into an encounter early this morning between an armed band and state troopers on Beach Creek, Logan county, near the Boone-Logan county line, Captain J. R. Brockus, commanding state police and deputy sheriffs, reported this afternoon. There was much shooting on either side, he said. Whether all the men who fell were killed, Captain Brockus was unable to state. He added that after his men had seen those who had fallen picked up and carried away by their companions, the state troopers and deputies retired because some of their number were in civilian clothes and it was difficult to distinguish them in the darkness from the men comprising the armed band. The clash was at close range, according to Captain Brockus' report, the men firing at each other when but eight to ten feet apart. Prior to the fight, Captain Brockus said, eleven prisoners had been taken by the patrolling party which set out from Logan yesterday, ostensibly toward Blair and Sharples. Four of the prisoners escaped during the engagement, it was said, and one of them is believed to have been killed.

Captain Brockus was at the head of the advance guard of troopers and deputies. It was this detachment, comprising twelve men, that engaged the armed band. The patrol, while proceeding toward Sharples, Captain Brockus reported, ran across five men on foot. All were armed with rifles and one had a shotgun, he said. "We called upon these men to disarm, which they did," the captain continued. "We placed them under arrest and proceeded down the road. Further on we met two automobiles and placed six additional armed men under arrest."

"With the eleven prisoners we marched on toward Sharples and came upon another squad of five armed men. Some one called to us that we would be allowed to pass. We called upon them to surrender their arms, but received in reply a volley of shots."

"Our men returned the fire and in the fight five men fell to the ground. We waited until we saw that they were picked up and carried away and then decided to discontinue the advance for the present. It was very dark and some of our deputies were in civilian clothes, hampering our distinguishing them."

Captain Brockus could not definitely state whether the five men were killed but intimated that "probably four" were killed. He said that he talked with a man who came from Sharples after the battle had taken place and this man said that "some miners were killed" but was unable to tell whether all five of the men had been fatally wounded.

Captain Brockus said that later reports from Sharples indicated that the state police had "played in luck" in stopping where they did. "We learned from Sharples that there were between 1,500 and 2,000 armed miners waiting for us to walk into a trap," Captain Brockus said, and "it had advanced it seems assured a very serious situation would have developed."

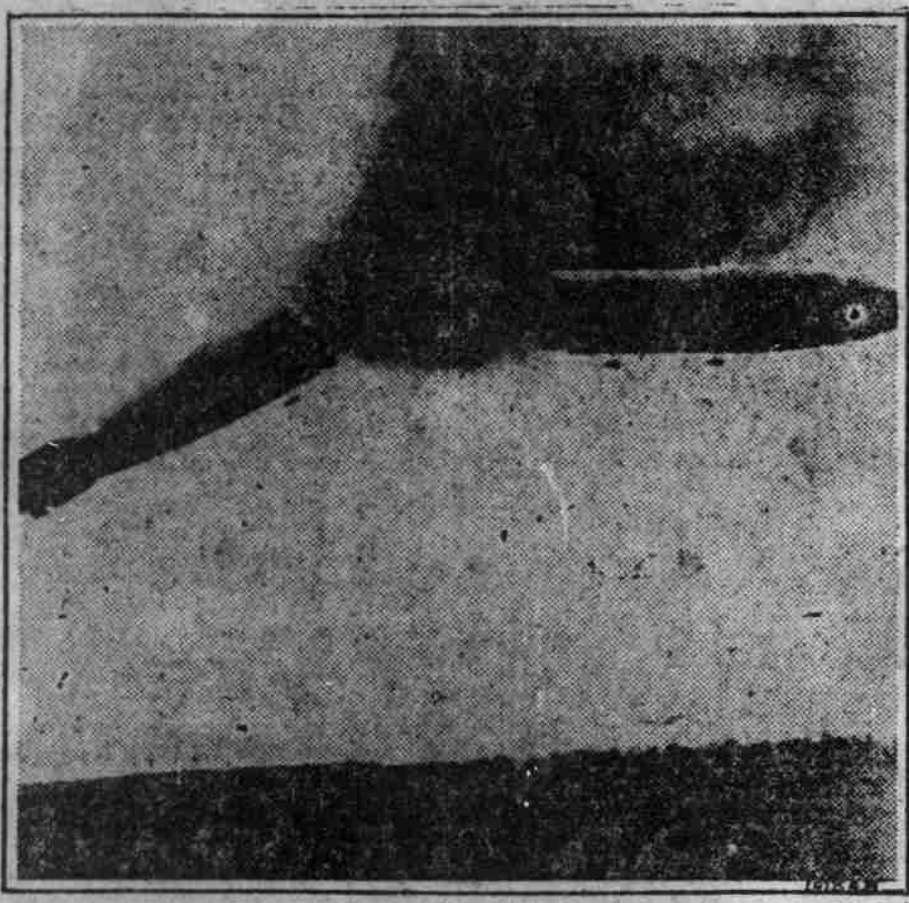
All along the way, the state police officer explained, "pot shots" were being taken at the officers from men hidden in houses and in ambush.

TWO AGED NEGROES ARE SHOT AND BARN BURNED

JACKSONVILLE, Aug. 28.—Parties in ambush early this morning shot and killed Joe Long, aged negro, and fatally wounded his wife, after setting fire to his barn on their farm a few miles from Dinwiddie, near here.

Long, awakened by the flames, started to investigate. He was shot several times as he approached the barn and his body fell forward into the flames, later being found burned to a crisp. His wife leaped out of a window upon hearing the shots and received two bullets in the head. Neighbors said a fusillade of shots were fired.

THE WAY IT HAPPENED



This composite picture made by the artist from a photo of the ZR-2 and from telegraphic description illustrates how the ZR-2 exploded in the air, killing most of the crew.

TWO MORE BODIES OF AMERICAN VICTIMS OF DIRIGIBLE DISASTER ARE RECOVERED

Were Taken Out During Salvage Operations on the Hull of the Airship.

(By The Associated Press)
LONDON, Aug. 28.—The bodies of Lieutenant Commander Emory Coll, U. S. N., and Ad Pettit, a rigger, who were killed in the fall of the dirigible ZR-2 at Hull last week, were recovered today during salvage operations on the hull of the airship, according to an announcement made tonight by the air ministry.

Lieutenant Commander Coll's home was Marietta, O. He was to have been executive officer of the airship when it was turned over to the United States navy. Pettit lived in New York. The air ministry reports that a considerable portion of the airship has been salvaged.

Bodies of Americans to Be Sent Home.
HULL, Eng., Aug. 28.—The bodies of the American naval men, victims of the destruction of the ZR-2 will be sent home on the British cruiser Dauntless, which probably will sail from Plymouth. The bodies will be escorted all the way from Hull to the United States by American air force officers.

Two officials of the American graves registration service arrived here today from Paris to supervise the embalming of the bodies.

During the salvaging operations on the ZR-2 today what was believed to be the control car of the dirigible was raised to the surface, but fell back into the water again.

Much wreckage from the airship was recovered late tonight. This will be examined tomorrow morning.

The body of Chief Rigger Pettit was found in a bunk. He apparently was asleep when killed.

American bills amounting to \$2,000, photographs and various papers were found in Lieut. Commander Coll's pockets, as also was a gold mounted wallet.

It is stated that mine operations will be adopted for the salvaging of the airship and the recovery of the missing bodies.

BELIEVE SOLDIER BONUS WILL PASS

Chairman Fordney Says It Is the Only Honorable Thing For Congress to Do.

(By The Associated Press)
SAGINAW, Mich., Aug. 28.—Relief that a "soldier's bonus bill" will be passed by Congress by December was expressed today by Representative Joseph W. Fordney, chairman of the ways and means committee, who has just arrived here from Washington. Passage of the bonus bill is the only honorable thing to do, he said. "The boys deserve it and still have it."

The republican house leader said he favored a one percent wholesale sales tax as a means of raising money with which to pay the bonus. Discussing the tariff, Mr. Fordney said that with the exception of the wool schedule, he expected the tariff bill to be but little changed from the form in which it passed the house.

DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AS TO WORDING BALLOT

Separate One Is Sent Out for the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

WOULD COMPEL ROADS TO REINSTATE SCALE

While the Joint Ballot if Rejected Allow Men Privilege of Quitting

(By The Associated Press)
CLEVELAND, Aug. 28.—Strike ballots on the acceptance or rejection of the railroad's \$4,000,000,000 reduction, ordered by the railroad labor board, were mailed tonight to 400,000 members of the "Big Four" brotherhoods and the Switchmen's Union of North America.

The ballots revealed a difference of opinion among the chief executives of the five organizations, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Order of Railway Conductors and the Switchmen using a joint ballot, while the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen sent out a separate ballot.

The trainmen's ballot stated that it had been the intention of all the organizations to use a joint ballot but that this was impossible because the ballot adopted by the other organizations "did not, in our opinion, contain an impartial and unbiased recital of all that is involved, nor did it convey the assurance that the wishes of the men, if against working for reduced wages, would determine the question and that they would be permitted to leave the service."

The joint ballot declared that if the membership vote was to reject the wage reductions which became effective on July 1, 1921, "it is to be understood that the men will be permitted to withdraw from the service of their respective companies unless satisfactory settlement can be reached under the laws of the organization."

"The proposition which confronts our members and others," said the trainmen's ballot, "carries with it an attempt to reverse that decision of the United States railroad labor board on the wage reduction now in effect since July 1, or else persuade or compel the railroad companies to renege their wage contract. The labor board decision should be reversed."

"Many general chairmen at the Chicago meeting (July 5) favored an immediate vote of the members on the wage cut, and held that if the necessary majority of the membership voted to leave the service that a strike should be called forthwith in an effort to force a restoration of rates that were in effect on June 30, 1921."

"All members and others are hereby notified that if the membership vote is in favor, necessary majority to leave the service, rather than to renege their contract, the reduced wages now in effect, will on any or all lines where such a vote is secured (with the sanction of the general grievance committee) be given necessary authority by the president of the grand lodge. The president of the grand lodge, with the information given above, undertakes to prevent the violation of rates that were in effect on June 30, 1921."

The number of active members of the five organizations to whom ballots were mailed was estimated at 150,000 trainmen, 115,000 firemen, 80,000 engineers, 50,000 conductors and 14,000 switchmen. In addition the wage reduction had been previously voted upon by the six shop crafts under the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor. Although this vote was taken some time ago, the result has not been publicly announced, but has been understood to be largely against the acceptance of the wage reductions.

TWO SOUTH FLORIDA MEN SHOT FROM AMBUSH

(By The Associated Press)
TAMPA, Fla., Aug. 28.—Rube Jones, 45, of Port Richey, former marshal of Tarpon Springs, and Bert Scott, 39, also of Port Richey, were shot to death from ambush at Stevenson's Bend, near Weekiwachee Springs, in western Hernando county, 18 miles from Brooksville, just before midnight last night.

ONE DEAD, ONE WOUNDED IN RAILROAD MAN'S HOME

(By The Associated Press)
ROANOKE, Va., Aug. 28.—J. H. Rutledge was shot and instantly killed and J. H. Whitlock suffered a wound through the foot at an early hour this morning in the home of J. M. Walden, a railroad man of this city. Immediately after the shooting Walden and his wife, Whitlock and Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Fisher were placed under arrest.

TEN THOUSAND PERSONS AT MEMORIAL SERVICES

(By The Associated Press)
HOBOKEN, N. J., Aug. 28.—The largest crowd that has yet attended a memorial service for returned soldier dead gathered today on the army pier to honor the bodies of 5,795 soldiers that arrived recently on the transport Wheaton. More than 10,000 attended the ceremonies, it was estimated.

WHERE FLIERS MET DEATH



This is one of the last pictures of Lieut. Com. Maxfield who was to have commanded the ZR-2 in its flight across the Atlantic. Maxfield is here shown as he was about to enter the gondola of the dirigible, where many fliers met death. Standing in the door of the cabin is Lieutenant R. G. Penneyer.

TARPON SPRINGS PHYSICIAN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF WOMAN

Charged With the Murder of Miss Virginia Turner Whose Body Was Found in Booker Creek on Road Between Tarpon Springs and Tampa.

(By The Associated Press)
TAMPA, Fla., Aug. 28.—Dr. I. J. Belcher, Tarpon Springs physician, was arrested late tonight charged with the murder of Virginia Turner, aged twenty-one, of Clearwater, whose body was found yesterday in Booker Creek, about 15 miles from Tampa. Dr. Belcher, who was arrested in Pinellas county, has been lodged in the Hillsborough county jail to avoid possible mob violence. Dr. Belcher steadfastly refused to admit guilty knowledge of the death of Miss Turner.

The physician's arrest resulted when Detective Fred Thomas learned that Belcher had driven out of Tarpon Springs to the vicinity of the bridge over Booker creek early Saturday and had gotten his car stuck in making a turn to return to Tarpon Springs. Blood spots showed upon the bridge rails on the Lake Butler side of the structure, according to the detective.

STUDY OF DANTE BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COMMEMORATED BY THE POPE

(By The Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Pope Benedict has sent his blessings to the Knights of Columbus for their work in promoting the study of Dante. "Beloved sons," his message said, "you have labored ardently for your country and holy church. We bless your work to promote the study of Dante Alighieri, the divine poet of Christendom, who sung in divine accents those Christian ideals which he passionately admired in all the vigor of his youth."

"SWANEE RIVER SPECIAL" WILL CUT DISTANCE FROM ATLANTA TO TAMPA

(By The Associated Press)
ATLANTA, Aug. 28.—Passenger fares to the west coast of Florida from all points north of Macon, Georgia, including Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, Chattanooga, Louisville and points north of the Ohio river, will be cut approximately two dollars by the opening of through train service between Cincinnati and Tampa and St. Petersburg, via the short line route of the Southern Railway system and the Seaboard Air Line through Hampton, Florida, early in November, according to information received by the Atlanta Constitution tonight.

BELGIUM KING WELCOMES MEMBERS OF AMERICAN LEGION VISITING COUNTRY

(By The Associated Press)
BRUSSELS, Aug. 28.—The members of the American Legion who have been visiting France were met today at the Belgium border by officials and escorted to Brussels. Brand Whitlock, the American minister, met them on their arrival here and accompanied them to the palace. King Albert welcomed the visitors as "soldiers of the right" and expressed the gratitude of the entire Belgian nation for the aid given by the United States in the world war.

HARDING GIVEN PROMISE OF AID

Support of Labor Pledged President in the Move to Bring About Disarmament.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE IS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED

Will Consider Appointment of Labor Man as One of Delegates to Conference.

(By The Associated Press)
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 28.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, tonight made public his appeal to the labor movements of the nations that are to participate in the forthcoming disarmament conference in Washington to prevail upon their respective governments to have labor represented upon their delegations.

"The proposal to discuss means of lightening the tremendous burden of armament," said President Gompers in a statement accompanying the correspondence, "is one which interests the working people above others. From them came the first protests against enormous armament."

"The hope is repeated that the forthcoming conference in Washington may be attended by the highest possible make every endeavor to be helpful to the cause of disarmament, but only through the opportunity to exercise a voice within the conference itself can it make available its full volume of counsel and co-operation."

The labor chief also made public correspondence with the white house in which he urged President Harding to appoint one or more representatives of labor on the American commission. Support of the federation also was pledged to the president in his move to bring about disarmament.

President Harding, in replying to Mr. Gompers, thanked him for the federation's support and said that he would give consideration to the recommendation that a labor representative be appointed on the American delegation which he characterized as a "very practical suggestion."

Mr. Gompers' statement said that President Harding at a conference with him had also "expressed himself as being favorably impressed with this suggestion."

In his appeal to the labor movements of Italy, Great Britain, France, and Japan, President Gompers said that they should be presented in the Washington conference as the "rights and interests of the toilers will be no less intimately affected in the Washington conference than they were in the peace conference at Versailles where their right to representation and participation was fully recognized and exercised."

PENSACOLA MAY BE IN LEAGUE NEXT SEASON

MOBILE, Ala., Aug. 28.—The Mississippi State League will be composed of eight clubs next year. Applications have been made by Montgomery and Selma, Ala., Pensacola, Fla., Vicksburg, Hattiesburg and Greenville, Miss., for franchises in the league. The league this season is composed of four clubs, Meridian, Jackson, Greenwood and Clarksdale, Miss.

THE WEATHER TODAY

Pensacola and Vicinity—Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday; probably local thundershowers near the coast; little change in temperature.

Winds: West—Moderate east winds, partly overcast weather Monday.

Over East and West Gulf of Mexico—Moderate to fresh east winds; partly overcast weather; probably local rains.

U. S. Weather Report.
Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 28, 1921.
Sunrise ... 5:24 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:16 p.m.
Moonrise ... 1:26 a.m.
Moonset ... 3:24 p.m.
Next phase of the moon, New Moon, Sept. 1st.
High tide ... 5:28 a.m.
Low tide ... 4:13 p.m.
Yesterday's Weather: Temperature—

7 a. m. ... 74
12 noon ... 74
5 p. m. ... 81
8 p. m. ... 79
Mean ... 77
Normal ... 78
Mean same date last year, 78.
Accumulated excess this year to date, 54.

Highest of record for August, 59 degrees.
Lowest of record for August, 22 degrees.

Rainfall—
for 24 hours ending 7 p. m., .0.
Total for this month to 7 p. m., 2.52.
Normal for August, 7.54 inches.
Accumulated deficiency this year to date, 12.15 inches.

Humidity—
7 a. m., 76, 12 noon, 54, 7 p. m., 62.
Barometer—
7 a. m., 30.65, 7 p. m., 30.02.

Hourly Temperatures.
7 a. m. ... 74
8 a. m. ... 75
9 a. m. ... 77
10 a. m. ... 78
11 a. m. ... 79
12 noon ... 81
1 p. m. ... 80
2 p. m. ... 80
3 p. m. ... 80
4 p. m. ... 80
5 p. m. ... 81
6 p. m. ... 81
7 p. m. ... 81